

County Councilman David Marks

Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MUST REMAIN A COUNTY PRIORITY

[My very first bill as a Councilman created the Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.](#) This panel has worked to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and improve the connections between communities.

This month, the Baltimore County Council will consider changes to the county's traffic calming program. Among other modifications, the new policy allows traffic calming in rural communities like Kingsville, and it will place a greater emphasis on school safety. I appreciate the Department of Public Works supporting changes that provide greater flexibility to communities that want traffic calming. If you want your street evaluated for traffic calming, please [visit the Baltimore County Traffic Calming Web Site](#). You can also send an email to trafficalming@baltimorecountymd.gov, or call (410) 887-3554.

There are always situations that remind us of the importance of pedestrian safety. Right now, I am working with community leaders in Southern Towson



to ensure that a proposed Starbucks restaurant does not impact pedestrian safety at York Road and Regester Avenue. Several permits were approved through the executive branch of county government, but there is still an opportunity to hopefully make changes before construction begins. The next step is to pass legislation that subjects new construction in Southern Towson to evaluation by the [Baltimore County Design Review Panel](#). My goal is to involve the community in crafting these metrics next spring.

RADEBAUGH PARK, EASTERN TOWSON'S FIRST NEW PARK IN A GENERATION

In December, the Baltimore County Council is expected to approve the purchase of slightly more than two acres south of Burke Avenue for parkland. Councilman Marks has worked for nearly two years to have Baltimore County purchase this property, and [he recently cosponsored an input meeting with the Green Towson Alliance to identify possible uses](#). In January, he will sponsor a resolution formally naming this property Radebaugh Neighborhood Park. This open space will serve thousands of residents in densely-populated eastern Towson.

LEGISLATION PRESERVES HAWKS HOLLOW FARM IN KINGSVILLE

For 21 years, Hawks Hollow Farm in Kingsville has given families the opportunity to ride horses and enjoy the countryside. Earlier this year, the farm faced thousands of dollars in legal fees when a Baltimore County inspector claimed the farm was out of zoning compliance. In November, Councilman Marks passed legislation that protects long-standing stables like this one that have operated for years.



Councilman Marks and Rob Weyforth at Hawks Hollow Farm

CITIZENS ON PATROL PLANNED FOR PERRING PARK

A Citizens on Patrol program is being implemented in the Perring Park neighborhood, which includes the homes between Proctor Lane, Old Harford Road, Cider Mill and Harford Hills Road, and Waltham Woods Road. Citizens on Patrol units provide extra “eyes and ears” for the Baltimore County Police Department. Contact KristenPiscopo@icloud.com or (443) 823-1738 for more information.



Officer Jason Goorevitz and the Perring Park COP

GAS LINE WORK CONCLUDES ON JOPPA ROAD

A half-year of gas line upgrades is concluding on Joppa Road in the Carney area. BGE had ordered the work. The steel plates will be removed, and Councilman Marks has asked that Baltimore County inspectors require BGE to resurface the affected areas.

LEGISLATION WOULD HELP PRESERVE ICONIC CARNEY SNOWBALL STAND

For more than 60 years, there has been a snowball stand at Joppa and Magledt Roads in Carney. Claude and Joni Elmore have purchased the property, with the goal of upgrading the snowball stand and improving this corner. Councilman Marks has introduced legislation that will provide some certainty to snowball stand operators, like the Elmores, along major corridors. This land has been eyed by developers for many years, and the legislation should help preserve a neighborhood icon.



Councilman Marks and Joni Elmore at the Carney snowball stand

KEEP UPDATED ON WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES

Baltimore County has improved its Stormfighter Web Site, allowing citizens to directly report issues with snow clearance. The Web Site also includes information about garbage and recycling pickup. <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/StormFighter/>